Ranganathapur Copper Plates

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Summary:

The copper plate in the possession of Maradi Ranganathaswamy of Ranganathapur, Shira tq., Tumkur dt. has Srivaishnava emblems, i.e., Chakra, Nama and Shankha (conch) inscribed on the top. Between the emblems c Sri' and 'Rama' are engraved in Kannada script. .

Then an inscription of 30 lines is inscribed in Kannada (text given). The inscription records a victory of three persons over a Sardar Gokilya who instigated them to snatch the seals in the temple of Musavanur which were in the possession of 'Kattemaneyavaru' and 'Sagara Upparadaivadavaru.' The three persons who gained victory turning back to the instigator belonged to 'Deshabagha Sect'. The three persons were appreciated by the head (Guru) of the temple for having saved the seals. Then a treaty was made between 'Kattemaneyavaru'. 'Sagara Upparadaivadavaru' and 'Deshabaghadavaru', all of whom belong to Sri Vaishanava tradition.

Gokilya mentioned in the inscription may be the same Navab Dargakuli Khan mentioned in the published copper plate record of Baragur (E C. Xll, Sr.112) which is dated to 1720 A.D. In this record date is not specifically recorded but Pingala-name of the cyclic year is mentioned. Hence this record may be dated to 1738 AD. Tatacharya of this record may belong to the same Tatacharya family who had a royal patronage of Vijayanagar kings and then of Mysore Odeyars during 17th century.

